

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE MINNESOTA  
REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION  
JUNE 11, 1990

The City Council for the City of Crosslake met in a regular Council session on Monday, June 11, 1990 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Kurt E. Anderson, Lyle M. Arends, Roger A. Burshem, Diana A. Gallaway and Charles O. Miller. Also present were Will Hoyt, Engineer, from Landecker and Associates, Inc. in Pequot Lakes, City Clerk Arlene A. Buchite, Police Chief John Backdahl, Road Supervisor Patrick Hoag, Park Director Patricia Felber, P & Z Coordinator Marlowe Kingstedt and Fire Chief Mike Amsden as well as approximately 17 residents of the City.

Mayor Anderson called this regular session to order at 7:30 p.m. stating that the first item on the agenda was the Consent Calendar. Member Burshem said he had spoken to Pat Murphy, the owner of the exchange and Mr. Murphy said he would like a response to the letter he sent regarding the open door policy at the Legion Club. Mayor Anderson said he had spoken to Chief Backdahl and would drop a note to Pat Murphy that the Council will try to have this resolved by the next meeting. Mr. Burshem said he would also like Mr. Murphy informed that the Legion has applied for a dance license.

Hearing no corrections or additions to the Consent Calendar, MOTION NO. 6R-01-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER MILLER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GALLAWAY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR CONSISTING OF; (1) THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 1990 REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION; (2) THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8, 1990 PUBLIC HEARING; (3) THE CLERK/TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY, 1990; (4) THE TELEPHONE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY, 1990; AND (5) THE CABLEVISION COMPANY'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY, 1990. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHEM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

CLERK'S REPORT - First item was approval of bills for payment. MOTION NO. 6R-02-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MILLER TO APPROVE ALL BILLS FOR PAYMENT INCLUDING: (1) LANGENBEAU EXCAVATING FOR CLASS #5 - \$1,425.00; (2) CROSSLAKE LUMBER COMPANY FOR DOOR AND DOOR OPENER AT THE FIRE HALL - \$1,031.28; AND (3) ANDERSON BROTHERS FOR BLACKTOPPING THE ROAD BETWEEN THE POST OFFICE AND CATHOLIC CHURCH - \$3,196.00. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHEM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

Correspondence was the next item on the agenda with a letter showing a scholarship awarded to Clerk Buchite for \$100 to

attend the Municipal Clerk's Institute in July, a letter from the Crow Wing County Fair Board to Councilmembers inviting them to attend "Fair-90" and a letter from the MN Association of Small Cities regarding their annual meeting.

Next was a Certificate of Deposit through the 4-M Funds. MOTION NO. 6R-03-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BURSHEM TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT THROUGH THE 4-M FUNDS FOR 90 DAYS AT 8.25 PERCENT INTEREST. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHEM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

A letter was received from Orval Nelson regarding a deck on the Pizza Deli which Mr. Nelson said extends one foot onto his property. Mr. Kingstedt stated that this item is on the Planning and Zoning agenda and the Commission will bring it back to the Council with a recommendation. Mr. Arends said he feels that this is a civil matter.

A letter from the D.N.R. was received which stated that the Ordinance 25, Third Series, Floodplain Management Ordinance has been found to be in compliance with "Statewide Standards and Criteria for Management of Floodplain Areas of Minnesota." This Ordinance will have State approval as soon as three certified, signed copies of the adopted version are received by Ron Morreim, Area Hydrologist. Discussion ensued regarding the need for another Public Hearing and Mayor Anderson said he would contact Mr. Morreim to see if another one is necessary.

Mr. William Weisner had written a letter to the Council regarding the fact that he would be permanently moving to his lake home and their main concern was maintenance on their road which is Cool Haven Lane. Mayor Anderson said the City maintained the road at one time and the reason it was discontinued is because they cannot back the City trucks out of there. Mayor Anderson stated that he, Member Miller and Supervisor Pat Hoag had inspected the road and had come up with a tentative solution if it can be determined where the property lines are. Mayor Anderson said they will bring their recommendation back to the Council for approval.

The Daggett Bay Townhouses sent a letter to the Council stating that they were pleased with the way the City maintenance men, Pat Hoag and his crew, plowed the snow for the 1989-90 season. A copy of this letter will be placed in the employees personnel file.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Anderson said the Multiple Sclerosis Society and Celebrate Minnesota are having a bicycling extravaganza from border to border across Minnesota and they would like to have two volunteers from each community participate.

Mayor Anderson said he found a lot of items the City uses in the Cooperative Purchasing Venture through the State of Minnesota and would like the Council and Department Heads to peruse the material and come prepared to discuss it at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Anderson said he had attended a Legislative Wrapup at the League of MN Cities and was informed that all cities are going to have to participate in the truth in taxation law which requires all budgets to be done much earlier than in the past. Mayor Anderson instructed every department head to begin preparing their budgets because the first meeting will probably be in July. Mayor Anderson indicated that there are changes in the charitable gambling law, requirements for pay equity, the open meeting law and other laws. Ambulance and first responders are now covered by the City's workmans compensation policy. Mayor Anderson requested that the other Councilmembers read the copies they received of the changes.

The Council had copies of a letter from James Gammello who is representing Arthur and Marilyn in the vacation of the Plat of Crosslake Estates. Mayor Anderson said that because a citizen owns some lots in that plat he requested that the road in the plat not be vacated but remain a road. MOTION NO. 6R-04-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MILLER TO GIVE MAYOR ANDERSON AND CITY CLERK BUCHITE APPROVAL TO SIGN THE CONSENT THE APPLICATION TO VACATE PLAT AND ROADWAY IN THE PLAT OF CROSSLAKE ESTATES AS PRESENTED BY JAMES GAMMELLO. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHAM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

The last item on the Mayor's report was approval of the 7 member committee for the Planning and Zoning Committee. MOTION NO. 6R-05-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER MILLER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GALLAWAY TO APPROVE THE LIST OF COMMISSION MEMBERS CONSISTING OF WILLIAM CORRICK, DONALD COULTER, DONALD ENGEN, GERRY BOE, WILLIAM REED, DENE CARNEY AND JACK LINDENBERG TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCES. The Committee will work along with Bill Meyer, Engineer, from Landecker and Associates, Inc. who was approved at the last Council Meeting. Mayor Anderson stated that Ted Pederson and Leo Fraser also volunteered to serve on the Committee if no one else could be found. Mayor Anderson said he did not put anyone from Planning and Zoning or the Council on the Committee because they will have to approve the revisions when the Committee is done with them. Member Gallaway said she feels that since Dean Swanson volunteered to serve on the Committee he should have been appointed. Mayor Anderson apologized for his oversight and said it is a public meeting and he would like to see everyone attend. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHAM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

PARKS AND RECREATION - Liaison Miller said the well is giving problems and needs some repairs. Park Director Felber

requested to have the tank and pressure switch put into the building because of the problems with it freezing and the need to dig it up to repair it. Ms. Felber estimated the cost would be around \$700 which would include a new 250 gallon tank, moving the hot water heater, copper piping, wiring and labor. MOTION NO. 6R-06-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MILLER TO MAKE THE NECESSARY REPAIRS ON THE PUMP AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK DIRECTOR, AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$700. Member Arends said he feels the well at the warming house should be repaired also. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHAM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

Mr. Miller said the Park Director also requested approval to proceed with the installation of 4 ceiling fans. According to Ms. Felber \$600 had been budgeted but the cost will be approximately \$795 for 4 fans and wiring. MOTION NO. 6R-07-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER MILLER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER ARENDS TO GO AHEAD WITH THE 4 CEILING FANS AND INSTALLATION AND TO SEARCH FOR FUNDS TO HELP PAY FOR THEM. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHAM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

Mayor Anderson said he had requested that Pat Hoag make the City pickup available to the Park Department twice every week so they can remove the containers of glass in front of the Corps Campground.

PLANNING AND ZONING - Coordinator Marlowe Kingstedt stated that the first item would be the approval of the preliminary plat of Staley Shores and Don Coulter, Surveyor would present it to the Council.

Mr. Coulter said 5 of the lots will be removed from the plat for a variety of reasons and a cul-de-sac will be added. Mr. Coulter said all lots meet or exceed City Ordinances. Mr. Coulter said this plat was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission with the condition that all the lots be for single family dwellings only. Mr. Coulter said all the trees that can be saved will be saved even if it requires moving the road slightly. It was the consensus of the Council that 33 feet on Silver Peak Road be contributed so as to make it a 66 foot right-of-way but the owner of the property does not have to construct or widen the road at her cost. Mr. Coulter explained to the property owner that the property owners on the other side of the road had already donated 33 feet for the road. MOTION NO 6R-08-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER MILLER AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS GALLAWAY AND ARENDS TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY PLAT OF STALEY SHORES WITH THE REVISION OF 9 LOTS AND 1 OUTLOT, GET 33 FEET OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ON SILVER PEAK ROAD AND THAT THE LOTS BE FOR SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS ONLY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHAM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

Mr. Kingstedt said that Jack Gentry had been approved as an alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission. MOTION NO. 6R-09-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MILLER TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF JACK GENTRY AS ALTERNATE FOR THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHAM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

Coordinator Kingstedt said the Commission had discussed moving the Coordinator's office to the vacated portion of the building as was suggested, and they felt it would be an extremely unwise move. The Council had received a copy of a letter from Chairman Armond Gease stating reasons why the move would be unwise. Mayor Anderson responded to Mr. Gease's reasons one by one and said he felt there would be no inefficiency after the full-time coordinator is hired in January, 1991. Member Gallaway said for security reasons if no other reason it is good to have the City Clerk's office and the Coordinator's office side by side. Member Bursham said it works great now so it does not make sense to change it. Member Gallaway said someone had suggested to her that a library be made in the back room and a work table in the front room for the Council. Member Arends said it may work better to change it. After a lengthy discussion, MOTION NO. 6R-10-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BURSHAM TO LET THE MAYOR MAKE THE DECISION ON MOVING THE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE IN CITY HALL. MOTION DID NOT PASS WITH MEMBER ARENDS VOTING AYE AND MEMBERS BURSHAM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING NAY.

Coordinator Kingstedt said he would like to have some input. He said first impressions are important and the current waiting room is very impressive, the closeness of the copy machine is important and sharing the phone system and being able to see where the other person is is advantageous to the Clerk and Coordinator.

Mayor Anderson said this would end the discussion on this item.

CEMETERY - Member Arend said that if employees had to work on Saturdays or weekends to dig or cover graves there should be more charged to the benefitting party. MOTION NO. 6R-11-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MILLER TO INCREASE THE FEES FOR GRAVE OPENINGS OR CLOSINGS FOR SATURDAY, SUNDAY OR HOLIDAY FUNERALS FROM \$100 TO \$150 IN THE SUMMER AND FROM \$250 TO \$300 IN THE WINTER BECAUSE OF WORKMEN'S OVERTIME. Member Arends said he is against charging more in the winter for openings. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS BURSHAM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE. MEMBER ARENDS VOTED NAY.

Mayor Anderson read a letter from James Woog with an alternate plan for the purchase of a tract of land for the Cemetery. Mayor Anderson said he would recommend going along with the 200 feet on the highway for \$10,000 and have an option to purchase the rest of the land at a later date. Member Gallaway said

she would rather offer them \$11,000 for the entire parcel of land. MOTION NO. 6R-12-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MILLER TO OFFER MR. WOOG \$12,000 FOR THE ENTIRE PARCEL OF LAND RATHER THAN THE \$10,000 FOR 2.34 ACRES. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHAM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** - Mayor Anderson said that Chairman Jack Lindenberg requested that a meeting be held every month.

Mayor Anderson said the Commission was recommending to the Council to pay \$450 per fireman per year. MOTION NO. 6R-13-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER MILLER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GALLAWAY TO PAY THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION \$450 PER FIREMAN PER YEAR BEGINNING IN 1991 FOR THEIR FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND AND INCREASES AND DECREASES ARE TO BE IN \$25 INCREMENTS. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHAM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

Upon a request from Fire Chief Mike Amsden for 5 new pagers, Mayor Anderson said the Commission recommended to purchase 3 new pagers and have 2 repaired. Member Miller said the 5 pagers were requested for new firemen and the department had budgeted for the new pagers. MOTION NO. 6R-14-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER MILLER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BURSHAM TO PURCHASE 5 NEW PAGERS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. Mayor Anderson said the Public Safety Commission felt that the City would save \$500 by repairing two of the pagers rather than buying new. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS BURSHAM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE. MEMBER ARENDS VOTED NAY.

Fire Chief Mike Amsden said he had gone to the Timothy Township Board meeting at their request and they want Crosslake Fire Department to have the fire contract on a large portion of the township. They have signed a contract with Crosslake which is identical to the contracts Crosslake has with Manhattan Beach and Fairfield Township and Mr. Amsden was asking for Council approval. This contract would be a larger dollar amount than the other two contracts the City currently has. MOTION NO. 6R-15-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER MILLER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER ARENDS TO APPROVE THE FIRE CONTRACT FOR TIMOTHY TOWNSHIP AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHAM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

**UTILITIES** - Liaison Arends said he would like to see the curb moved at the old City Hall property so there could be more parking for the telephone company.

Mayor Anderson said he feels that the property should be kept and leased to the chamber and other organization for restrooms and an information center. Mr. Miller said he would like to see a little park and restrooms. Mr. Arends said it would just give more work to City employees. Mayor Anderson said if the organizations are not interested in building he would like to see the area sodded and a couple picnic tables added.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS TO TEAR OUT THE CURBING ALONG THE BLACKTOP AND TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING AT THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY. MAYOR ANDERSON CALLED FOR A SECOND TO THE MOTION THREE TIMES AND THEN DECLARED THE MOTION DEAD FOR THE LACK OF A SECOND.

ROADS - Pat Hoag said something should be decided about the building at the back of the old city hall property. Mayor Anderson said the Council will not have to address it because it was in the original agreement with Louis Gottwald that the building will be torn down. Mayor Anderson said he will inform Mr. Gottwald that it will be done. MOTION NO. 6R-16-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GALLAWAY TO SEND A LETTER TO LOUIS GOTTWALD THAT THE STORAGE BUILDING IN BACK OF THE POST OFFICE WILL BE TORN DOWN WITHIN 30 DAYS. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHAM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

Will Hoyt updated the Council by saying that his firm is preparing plans for the 4 road projects that will be let for bids and he will be at the July Council meeting seeking approval from the Council to advertise for bids.

Mayor Anderson said he would like to have a change in the Road Assessment policy which would require a minimum of 70 percent of the affected property owners in favor of the paving before a petition is brought before the Council. Mr. Hoyt said the only problem with this procedure is that sometimes the property owners back out after they find out what the costs will be. It was the consensus of the Council that this be placed on the July agenda as a Public Hearing item.

The next item was to discuss a pressure washer for the road department. Pat Hoag had received a quote of \$2,700 for a machine which has 2000 pounds of pressure to wash the salt off plow trucks, open sewers and culverts and a variety of other uses for the City. It was the consensus of the Council that since this was not a budgeted item more research should be conducted and it should be budgeted for in 1991. MOTION NO. 6R-17-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BURSHAM TO TABLE THE PURCHASE OF A PRESSURE UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS OBTAINED. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHAM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

Member Gallaway requested a price per hour for the dump truck and Mr. Hoag said he had twice requested the Road Commission to set a price for the truck but they did not feel it was necessary.

Resident Gerry Boe was present and said he would like to compliment Pat Hoag and his crew for the job they did on Cool Haven Lane. Mr. Boe said he felt a culvert would be necessary in the low spot and Mr. Hoag said he may have to put one in.

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Summit  
Avenue  
Corrected 7-09-90  
meeting*

Mayor Anderson said he would like to have all the money but \$750 returned to Discount Finance for the White Pine Shores Road. MOTION NO. 6R-18-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MILLER TO RELEASE \$4221.09 OF THE BOND ON WHITE PINE SHORES ROADS BUT TO RETAIN THE BALANCE OF \$750 UNTIL THE DITCHES ARE GREEN. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHAM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

Member Miller said the Road Commission only has one member and cannot conduct business. Mr. Miller suggested that he and the Mayor work with Pat Hoag on the roads. Mayor Anderson said if there were no objections from the Council, the road department would be handled this way. No objections were heard. Mayor Anderson said that he would like to have Jim Stevenson appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an alternate but if a Road Commission is found, Mr. Stevenson will go back on the Road Commission.

Gerry Boe said Duane Blanck, County Engineer had called him regarding the requests he has received to raise the bridge on CSAH #16 by the Ye Olde Wharf. Mayor Anderson said he has also received several calls that the Council write a letter or pass a resolution to raise the bridge about twelve inches. It was the consensus of the Council that the bridge should be raised but that there should be no interruption of traffic during the process. Mr. Boe said Mr. Blanck indicated that the only problem with raising the bridge would be the cost. Mr. Boe said he is expecting a letter from Mr. Blanck and will be writing a letter from the Whitefish Property Owners Association requesting that the bridge be raised. Mayor Anderson said he would write one for the City also. Mr. Boe said he would see that the City gets a copy of Mr. Blanck's letter.

Member Gallaway suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Michael Teems for using his equipment at no charge to the City for transplanting the trees in front of City Hall. Member Bursham suggested that it be sent to Northern Nursery also.

FUNDING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT - Chairman Dean Swanson said the Commission would be meeting with the State Demographers on Tuesday.

PERSONNEL - Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS - Member Arends said he would like to have the Councilmembers salary increased to \$150 and the Mayor's salary increased to \$200 a month. This will be placed on next month's agenda for discussion.

OLD BUSINESS - Nothing.

PUBLIC FORUM - Nothing.

MOTION NO. 6R-19-90 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GALLAWAY TO ADJOURN THIS REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION AT 9:45 P.M. MOTION PASSED WITH MEMBERS ARENDS, BURSHEM, GALLAWAY AND MILLER VOTING AYE.

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